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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07/22/05.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 8-24 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3 and 8-24 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Objections

1. Claims 1, 12, 13 and 19 are objected to because of the following informalities:

The word resin is misspelled as "rein" in line 2 of claim 1, lines 2 and 3 of claim 12, line 2 of claim 13 and line 2 of claim 19. Appropriate correction is required.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

2. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

3. Claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 11 originally contained the insert fixed at both ends (i.e. two fixing portions). Claim 11 refers to two fixing portions, wherein claim 1, as amended, now only recites "at least one fixing portion".

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

4. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

(e) the invention was described in (1) an application for patent, published under section 122(b), by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent or (2) a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention by the applicant for patent, except that an international application filed under the treaty defined in section

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351(a) shall have the effects for purposes of this subsection of an application filed in the United States only if the international application designated the United States and was published under Article 21(2) of such treaty in the English language.

5. Claims 1, 2, 3, 8-10 and 12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Fujiwara et al 2002/0190430.

Fujiwara et al discloses an insert molded member comprising a metal insert 21 fixed at one end 22 to molds 1 on either side thereof. A resistance giving bent portion is shown where 6 and 11 are perpendicular to one another per claim 8. A thinned section 11 is shown in the bent portion. One of 11 can be considered the sub port and the other the resin supply passage per claim 3. They are on either side of the insert per claim 12. Refer to figures 1 and 2.

6. Claims 1, 3, 8-10, 13, 15-19 and 21-24 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Kobayashi et al (6413461).

Kobayashi et al discloses an insert molded member comprising a metal insert 6 fixed at both ends of a mold 1,2. The resin supply passage contains a perpendicular bend as shown in figure 1. The passage is also intermediate the insert per claim 13 and connected perpendicular to the resin injection chamber per claim 19. Refer to figures 1 and column 10, lines 15-19.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

7. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

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8. Claims 2, 11, 12, 14 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Kobayashi et al in view of Fujiwara et al.

The primary reference teaches the invention substantially as recited except for the thinned section per claims 1, 14 and 20 and that the resin comes from both sides of the insert. See the 35 U.S.C. 102 rejection above.

Fujiwara et al teaches to thin a section of the injection chamber 11 in order to control and decrease the velocity thereof. This is the same reason the applicant has a thinned portion so that the insert does not become bent by the incoming resin as shown in figure 7A. Fujiwara et al also discloses having the resin come in from both sides of the chamber since two inlets 11 are shown. Refer to paragraph [0064].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to Kobayashi et al to form a thinned section in the inlet, as taught by Fujiwara et al, for the purpose of controlling the velocity of the inlet resin so that the insert does not get bent from the resin coming into the chamber too fast. It would also be obvious to have resin coming in from both sides, as taught by Fujiwara et al, in order to totally encapsulate the insert and/or having the resin hit both sides of the insert so that it would not as easily be bent therefrom.

Response to Arguments

9. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-3 and 8-24 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Conclusion

10. Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection presented in this Office action. Accordingly, **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL**. See MPEP § 706.07(a). Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).


A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Donald Loney whose telephone number is (571) 272-1493. The examiner can normally be reached on Mon, Tues, Thurs and Fri. 8AM-4PM, flex schedule.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on 571 272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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